Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, In 2006, the South Dakota State Medical Association (SDSMA) is honoring its 125th Anniversary of its founding; and,

Whereas, SDSMA represents the majority of physicians practicing medicine in South Dakota and was conceived to improve the care of the sick, to advance the health of the public and to ensure that physicians are faithful to that mission; and,

Whereas, SDSMA works to ensure that physicians are competent practitioners, have good character and provide mutual professional support for their colleagues and helps to establish and maintain standards of performance and education; and,

Whereas, SDSMA speaks out clearly whenever medicine is of dubious quality, unequally distributed or inaccessible; and,

Whereas, SDSMA provides leadership in confronting broader issues of public health, serves as a critic of those aspects of culture and lifestyle that are injurious to human health and seeks to improve community health and promote public health information; and,

Whereas, SDSMA defends the health of the most vulnerable members of society and advocates access to quality health care for all; and,

Whereas, Physicians who are members of SDSMA are dedicated to providing high quality medical care with compassion and respect for human dignity; and,

Whereas, SDSMA has had a beneficial influence on advancing the medical profession in South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 7 – 9, 2006, as

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION QUASQUICENTENNIAL DAYS

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State